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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:05 PM
To: McBride; Rhonda (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: RADAR SCREEN: Bethel Police Dept. Crisis

Wow Rhonda. Very thorough. Just started reading. Have you contacted Walt? If you need his cell it is Privileged or

I doubt I can help much with the immediate need (if you see an opportunity otherwise please let me know. I'm good at rounding up volunteers! :-)), however would love to know how I can help with the longer term issue which sounds multi-faceted.

Call if you need.

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----- Original Message -----

From: McBride, Rhonda (GOV)

To: ExternalEmailgsp; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Sent: Fri Dec 21 17:32:35 2007

Subject: RADAR SCREEN: Bethel Police Dept. Crisis

STAFFING SHORTAGE. Bethel Police staffing has reached crisis levels.

After a call from a concerned Bethel resident, I talked with the Alaska State Troopers and the acting Chief of the Bethel Police Department, Andre Achee (uh-shay).

CURRENT CRISIS. Normally, BPD is staffed at 14 patrol officers.

But as of Monday, BPD will be down to three police officers, who will be working 12 hours a day, seven days a week. The staff of three includes Acting Chief Achee, who says he's

proud of his co-workers. As the staffing dwindles, none have called in sick. But Achee wonders how long they can continue to work these marathon shifts without major burnout. The animal control officer has also been asked to help with police calls.

One of the three remaining officers is slated to leave in March, so the department could be down to two officers if no replacements are hired.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. BPD has turned to the Alaska State Troopers. Deputy Public Safety Commissioner John Glass says AST will continue its standing policy of providing assistance in emergencies and in life-threatening cases. AST has also been helping BPD investigate several recent homicides.

Lt. Jeffery Laughlin, who oversees AST recruitment, has been asked to refer qualified candidates to BPD. While this may help, most of these candidates did not have enough experience to be hired by the Troopers, so they may not meet Bethel's needs.

BPD has also requested manpower assistance from the Association of Village Council Presidents, which oversees the regional Village Public Safety Officer program. So far, no decisions have been made.

CAUSE OF CRISIS. This predicament didn't happen overnight. But the acting chief says, in his eighteen years on the Bethel police force, he's never seen staffing sink this low. Nationally, there's a law enforcement officer shortage, so it's extremely hard for a community like Bethel to compete. Its salaries are low, but the workload is high. Two officers recently took jobs in Fairbanks for more pay and less demanding duties. The former chief just took a job with the Wasilla Police Department. Since the chief's position is salaried, he will likely earn more as a Wasilla patrol officer - and won't have to deal with the high volume of calls that BPD experiences.

CONCERNS. New Year's, one of the busiest days of the year for Bethel Police, is around

the corner. Temperatures have ranged from 10-20 below. Twice this week, search efforts for inebriates wandering out on the tundra have monopolized BPD's skeleton crew. Bethel also had a plane crash. Now that the Kuskokwim River has frozen, police also expect more traffic on the Ice Road - and this usually means more headaches for the department.

OTHER OPTIONS. The acting chief says BPD is considering asking the Governor's Office to provide manpower via the Department of Military Affairs, until enough officers can be hired. One worry: most of the applicants are inexperienced and will require six months of Police Academy training, so it may be six to nine months before more officers are on the ground. BPD is also looking to fill gaps with retired officers, hired on a contract basis.

LACK OF CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT. BPD has had a tough time getting its City Council behind it. Alcohol has historically been a divisive issue. State Troopers in Bethel tell us the staffing problem is chronic, but agree it's never been this bad - and AST's heavy workload will likely increase with BPD's requests for assistance. A few years ago, AST Sgt. Perry Barr, lead the push for an alcohol distribution center, to help control the supply of illegal alcohol. But this effort tanked. Barr believes it might have made a difference.

BETHEL & ALCOHOL. Bethel is classified as a "damp" community. Alcohol can be imported, but not sold. Even so, Sgt. Barr says Bethel's alcohol consumption is very high. City collects taxes on alcohol bought outside Bethel. It puts the value of alcohol headed for Bethel at 1.5 million a year.

SHORT TERM ACTION. I recommend that the Governor call Chief Achee and thank him and his staff for remaining on the job under such difficult conditions. Certainly, under their current workload, they will not be able to enjoy their holidays. Sgt. Barr says some good could come out of this crisis. The community is putting pressure on the council and the city administration to give BPD the support it needs to keep the town safe. Chief Andre Achee: 543-3781

LONG TERM SOLUTIONS. This is yet another example of how Rural Alaska's alcohol epidemic costs everyone. No previous administration has truly taken this on as a cause. Alcohol is the elephant in the room. It's an unpopular issue, but it begs for a comprehensive approach, with a quid pro quo component - to encourage communities to do the right thing.

Governor Palin's trip to New Stuyahok signaled that this governor has a desire to offer meaningful solutions. As I grow into this job, I will continue to explore the possibilities and look for ways for the Governor to inspire communities to seek change. We need to find ways to offer the right kinds of carrots to encourage communities to actively seek wellness.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 6:02 PM
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)
Subject: Re: test Press Release: State requests more AGIA information

Thank you

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 16:55:41

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: test Press Release: State requests more AGIA information

Governor:

A final draft of the release about the AGIA progress.

Joe and Marty have both looked it over.

Beth

From: Yocom, Lauren J (GOV)

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 3:05 PM
To: Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)
Subject: Fw: Ashley Reed - confidential deliberative process privilege

Head's up:

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 23:58:44

To:"Talis Colberg" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Ashley Reed - confidential deliberative process privilege

Thank you. He's a troubled guy. Thanks for the head's up.

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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 14:48:46

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: Ashley Reed - confidential deliberative process privilege

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From: DeYoung, Jan H (LAW)

Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 2:23 PM

To: Jenicek, Monica (LAW); Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Gordon, Nancy R (LAW)

Subject: Ashley Reed - confidential deliberative process privilege

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Jan H. DeYoung

Chief Assistant Attorney General

Labor & State Affairs

907.269.5073 (direct)

907.258.4978 (fax)

Please note the new email address: Jan.DeYoung@alaska.gov

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 2:35 PM
To: Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Press Event

Excellent!

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 14:34:23

To:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Press Event

Governor, Kris,

This press event is the Cook Inlet LNG settlement announcement. CP, Marathon and Enstar all wanted to bring people up to Alaska for the roll-out and that was difficult to accomplish by January 2nd, so they asked for the one extra day.

Thanks and Merry Christmas!

Marty

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

To: ExternalEmailgsp

Cc: Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)

Sent: Fri Dec 21 14:28:41 2007

Subject: Press Event

Governor,

Marty just called and there was a conflict with doing the press event on January 2nd as she discussed with you. So we've tentatively scheduled for noon on the 3rd. Please let me know if there are any problems with that date. I'll let Janice know.

Thanks,

Kris

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 11:54 AM
To: John Katz
Cc: Michael Tibbles
Subject: Re: Hamel's Response

What a grump he is.

All the more reason to applaud you for your patience with him. Too bad he can see that we're all on the same team.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 15:00:22

To:"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Michael Tibbles" <michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: Hamel's Response

I don't want to protract our current dialogue with Mr. Hamel, but I = feel obligated to forward his personal response to you (attached). I = haven't given him your email address.

Below, is my recent advice to DNR and the Alaska Fire Marshall about = how to handle the current situation:

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

The responses I have received seem to confirm this approach. =

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 11:14 AM
To: Stephens; Karla M (CED)
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 10:04 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Karla Step

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 10:37 AM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Fw: US Supreme Court/2nd Amendment Case

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 07:49:03

To:"Katz, John W (GOV)" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>,"Tillery, Craig J (LAW)" <craig.tillery@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Persily, Larry A (GOV)" <lpersily@alaskadc.org>

Subject: RE: US Supreme Court/2nd Amendment Case

Dear Mr. Katz,

Thank-you for the message. There are a couple of items in Mr. Carberry's message that are wrong and should be clarified.

Yes, we plan to be involved in an Amicus brief in this case. We are not writing the brief. The State of Texas is preparing the Amicus Brief and we will be joining their brief. Just yesterday Mr. Tillery confirmed to me that Texas is preparing a place for us to sign the brief in support of 2nd Amendment rights.

If Mr. Carberry was told that we were preparing an independent brief then that should be corrected. An independent brief would be redundant and therefore discouraged by the Supreme Court and it would be a significant added expense as opposed to the joint brief with Texas. As I understand it, the brief is not yet done, so we cannot convey a copy at this time to Mr. Carberry.

In answer to your question, as it is not a separate brief it would probably not lend itself to a delegation sign on.

If you have questions please call.

I am ccing the Governor so that she can remind staff in her office that we are joining the Texas Amicus brief and not preparing a separate independent brief.

Thank-you Talis

From: John Katz [mailto:jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]

Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 4:43 AM

To: Tillery, Craig J (LAW)

Cc: Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Persily, Larry A (GOV)

Subject: US Supreme Court/2nd Amendment Case

Per the letter below, are we filing an amicus brief or are we joining others? If we're doing this on our own, do we want to ask the Congressional delegation if they're interested? Thanks.

A personal call

I would like to make note of the great "citizen service" I recently received from Gov. Sarah Palin's office. On Friday of last week I sent an e-mail through the Governor's Web site asking if the Alaska Attorney General had been instructed to file an Amicus Brief with the Supreme Court in the case of Heller v. DC, potentially one of the most interesting constitutional questions to come down the pike in a long time.

To my surprise, I received not a form letter, not a return e-mail, but instead a personal call on Sunday from a staffer (whose name I dearly wish I had written down). He informed me the governor's office was also following the case and that the attorney general was finishing up the brief in support of Heller as we spoke. He will be sending me a copy when it is filed.

That's responsive government right there. Kudos to Gov. Palin and her staff.

In that vein, thanks to our U.S. senators for joining 45 other senators from both sides of the aisle in signing a letter to the Dept. of Interior asking them to address the current hodgepodge of rules involving the carriage of firearms for safety (not changing the rules on hunting or shooting) in national parks and wildlife refuges. Given that in Alaska it is hardly possible to walk a mile without going into and out of various state and federal land designations with contradictory policies, streamlining the policies to simply mirror each individual state's rules (as BLM does) just makes sense.

Thank you, senators. Good for them.

Matthew Carberry

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:39 AM
To: Herning; Nancy S (DOT)
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:30 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Nancy Herni

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:38 AM
To: maryjane@gci.net
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:33 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mary Jane Sut

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:47 AM
To: Nixon; Nick J (HSS)
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:27 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Nick J Nixon

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:37 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: December News Notes from UAS Sitka

-----Original Message-----

From: Bonnie Elsensohn [mailto:Bonnie.Elsensohn@uas.alaska.edu]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 1:22 PM

Subject: December News Notes from UAS Sitka

This is the last of the News Notes for this year. We wish you the best over the holiday season.

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Bonnie Elsensohn

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:36 AM
To: Ullrich; Judy (HSS)
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 1:32 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Judith Ul

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:33 AM
To: jimmcclarin@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:16 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Jim McClarin

address: 90 Dublin Ave. Nashua NH 03063

603-765-8222

MESSAGE:

I thought you might be interested to know that your name surfaced in a discussion of possible vice-presidential picks for Ron Paul should he prevail in the primaries.

The online discussion was among Dr. Paul's supporters, not involving anyone representing his campaign.

jimmcclarin@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:33 AM
To: Ramos; Jane (DOR)
Subject: RE: Thank you

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From: Ramos, Jane (DOR)

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:18 PM

To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)

Subject: Thank you

Hi Governor:

I know you're a very busy person. I just want to take a moment to than

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:33 AM
To: garciajl88@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:25 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Jackie Ga

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:32 AM
To: ddoyle.ak@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Elections

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:41 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Mr. David Doyle

address: 3356 Park Place Juneau AK 99801

MESSAGE:

I think Sarah Palin should endorse Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul for president and possibly even investigate a spot as Vice President. I think Sarah would be a perfect match for Dr. Paul!

Thanks for listening from Juneau,

David Doyle

ddoyle.ak@gmail.com

PLEASE ADD TO E-NEWS

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:32 AM
To: culture@kawerak.org
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:57 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Kaci Fullwood

address: PO Box 948 Nome AK 99762

907.443.4340

MESSAGE:

Dear Smart Beringian Governor,

Thank you for your suggestions, ideas, comments and amazingly insightful contributions offered with generosity, in the development of the Beringia Museum!

The Strategic Mapping meeting was, as Matt Ganley stated, another important & dynamic step in the successful planning process of making our museum a reality. We couldn't do it without your partnership and support! Thank you!

I will be taking some time off for the Holiday Season, and will return to work on January 14,2008. If an urgent issue arises which needs my immediate attention, please contact me on my cell phone, listed below. We are entering a critical stage of planning and fundraising, and I don't want to miss any opportunities, if I can help it.

As you attend holiday gatherings, and are visiting with those who may have connections to

funding sources, please remember to promote the importance and urgency of this new Beringia Museum initiative! Your help is so appreciated by the Elders of the Bering Strait!

Finally, I hope this Holiday season finds you in the company of good friends, faithful family members, and delicious food & drink. May your evenings be warmed by the heat of a well stoked wood fire, the laughter of children and the contentment that comes from knowing you are appreciated and respected.

Merry Christmas, Sarah!

And Peace unto you.

~Kaci

Kaci Fullwood, Project Director

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:13 AM
To: cmwalker6@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 5:32 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Connie Walker

address: P.O. Box 208 Holy Cross AK 99602

907-476-7163

MESSAGE:

Merry Christmas Governor Palin! I love your Christmas card you sent out of you and your beautiful family. I work as the Clerk for the City of Holy Cross and thats where I saw it. I post all our cards on the bulletin in the City Hall so thats where yours is. Its beautiful and I just wanted to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a most blessed and prosperous 2008 for you and your family.

Much prayers,

Connie Walker

Holy Cross, AK

cmwalker6@hotmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:06 AM
To: Laddie and Linda
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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-----Original Message-----

From: Laddie and Linda [mailto:landlshaw@gci.net]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:55 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Hello again,

I am just following up on my request to give honor to a disabled veteran for an act of kindness and generosity to fellow veterans by having Governor Palin send him a letter of appreciation and thanks for his efforts on behalf of other veterans. Also thanks to the Governor for her appearance and grand home coming welcome to the 4th of the 25 Infantry Brigade at the Sullivan Arena on Wednesday, it was quite meaningful.

Thanks

Laddie Shaw

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [mailto:governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 2:13 PM

To: landlshaw@gci.net

Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns,

opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 9:37 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Laddie Shaw
address: 2029 Meander Dr Anchorage AK 99516
317-2505

MESSAGE:
Dear Governor Palin,
I want to thank you for your ongoing support for our veterans and active military. This past Veterans Day 25 Alaskan veterans from the Vietnam War celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, or as we refer to it "The Wall." I forward to you a Compass piece I wrote for the Anchorage Daily News (but not published) honoring a veteran with a mission to honor other veterans, Bob Moore. You undoubtedly know Bob, because I understand his kids provided occasional "baby sitting" services for one or more of your kids.
In addition to my thanks for your respect and honor of our veterans and for a job well done as Governor (above and beyond the call of duty)I would like to respectfully request a letter from you to Bob Moore for his service and sacrifice as a veteran and for his efforts on behalf of other veterans. As I note in my proposed Compass piece, one 'ol soldier made a difference by "continuing to serve" with his mission of the Trail Riders.

Also as a side note, I must highlight on the wonderful story about your folks in Sundays paper. Chuck and Sally are "old" friends and truly marvelous people.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Bobs address is:

Bob Moore

PO Box 873471

Wasilla, AK 99687

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Armistice Day proclamation. The last paragraph set the tone for future observances:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Armistice Day is now celebrated as Veterans Day, a day to remind us of sacrifice and service to country, a time for reflection, and a time to openly honor our veterans. Veterans Day is a time to pay our respect to all veterans for their sacrifices and for protecting the freedom we so cherish in America. This year, as an added honor we pay our respects to over 9 million men and women who served during the Vietnam era by celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial or more commonly referred to as "The Wall."

The idea to have Alaskan veterans represented in the Anniversary celebration was the idea of one "ol' soldier" and present day Alaskan cowboy, Bob Moore. Bob is a highly decorated Vietnam veteran who served three tours of duty in Vietnam, both as an infantry soldier and combat Helicopter pilot and is the "Trail Boss" for the Alaska Trail Riders of Alaska. The Alaska Trail Riders is an organization that was formed to provide therapeutic trail rides for disabled veterans and children. Bob was going to take a "trail ride" as he put it, to recognize the anniversary, but his trail ride became a mission, a mission for healing

and to honor the sacrifices of his fellow veterans. The irony in Bob's endeavor to honor his fellow veterans, is that he is a disabled veteran himself.

Bob developed a fund raising strategy to support the Trail Riders efforts to bring 25 Alaskan veterans to the anniversary celebration and that strategy involved riding his horse 400 miles across Alaska. Riding with memories and a mission Bob Moore rode out of Wasilla at sunrise with the hope of a positive fund raising campaign and "rounding up" a group of veterans to attend the anniversary of the "Wall." His ride brought together veterans for the cause, in turn a committee was formed and the mission was in place. By the time he had ridden from Wasilla to Cantwell and Paxton the Trail Riders had nearly $40,000 in pledges from major oil companies, native corporations, local business and service organizations to support the 25 vets traveling to Washington DC for the Anniversary Parade.

Alaska Airlines, a huge supporter, has designated the flight carrying the delegation to DC on November 8th "The Alaska Freedom Bird," commemorating the Freedom Bird designation of the homecoming flights from Vietnam. We expect more than 50,000 veterans and family members to join the Alaska delegation for this historic event.

The wall is the touchstone of a generation, a sacred place for Vietnam veterans, our emotional "welcome home." Over 58,000 names are etched in simple black granite as a reminder of the cost of freedom and the sacrifice of a generation.

One "ol' soldier" took on a cause and made a difference. He had memories, haunting memories, and he had a mission and that mission was the foundation of the Vietnam Veterans of America "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

A new generation is presently continuing the fight for liberty, freedom and the American way. Please take the time to welcome home a service member and honor a vet. Don't let this generation of soldiers be forgotten for their sacrifices.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 7:48 AM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Vogue

Lawren, from Vogue, wrote a real nice note of thanks... but also apologized if the shoot was such a negative experience as they read about in the press. :(She said "they" were shocked to read the negative coverage of the experience. I jotted her a quick note back saying it was awesome and a once-in-a-lifetime experience, but if you could call her/them and reiterate that it was an honor to get to participate in this, maybe that could un-do some damage. Thanks!

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 7:46 AM
To: homefree25@msn.com
Subject: RE: Seniors

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-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 8:50 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Seniors

Web mail from: Ms. Deborah

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From: Irwin, Tom E (DNR) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TEIRWIN]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 7:25 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Katz; John W (GOV); Tyler; David L (DPS); Slemons; Jonne D (DNR)
Cc: Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Chuck Hamel/Wall Street Journal

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Privileged or Personal Material Redacted. PSIO continues to spend a hugh amount of time with Mr. Hamel and we can't seem to satisfy him. Even this week Mr. Hamel asked for some rush information to be faxed to him. Jonne immediately sent it and included 3 attachments to the document. He hollered at her on the phone for intentionally clogging his fax machine with too much info. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Tom

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Sent: Fri Dec 21 06:16:34 2007

Subject: Re: Chuck Hamel/Wall Street Journal

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2007 08:37:51

To:"David L (DPS) Tyler" <david.tyler@alaska.gov>,"Jonne Slemons" <jonne_slemons@dnr.state.ak.us>

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DOW JONES NEWSWIRES

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 8:41 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: [ED_Review] ED Review (12/21/07)

From: Honeysett, Adam [mailto:Adam.Honeysett@ED.GOV]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 5:31 AM
To: ED_Review@LISTSERV.ED.GOV
Subject: [ED_Review] ED Review (12/21/07)

ED REVIEW

December 21, 2007 (Happy Holidays!)

...a bi-weekly update on U.S. Department of Education activities relevant to the Intergovernmental and Corporate community and other stakeholders

GROWTH MODEL EXPANSION

In a December 7 letter to Chief State School Officers (http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/secletter/071207.html), Secretary Spellings offered states an opportunity to submit proposals that incorporate growth models into their current accountability system. Such models allow states to receive credit for improving individual students' performance over time but retain the *No Child Left Behind* principles of annual assessment, disaggregation of data, and grade-level proficiency for all students by 2014. To date, nine states have been approved to implement their models under a pilot program established in November 2005. However, the pilot was capped at 10 states. Now, based on the promising results of the pilot, the Secretary is opening eligibility to all qualified states. "As I have consistently stated during our reauthorization discussions, I believe that growth models promote two important goals," she noted. "First, growth models allow states another effective way of measuring Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).... Second, these models continue to expand the flexibility available to states under *No Child Left Behind*." The approval process will be similar to the process the agency used for the past two years. Proposals are due by February 1. Department officials will conduct an initial review of each proposal to make sure the growth model meets seven core principles and the state is making progress in specific areas. If the agency has any questions about a state's proposal, it will contact the state by February 15 and ask the state to respond by March 14. Then, those proposals determined to have met requirements will be forwarded to a team of peer reviewers, who will meet during the week of April 14-18. The Secretary anticipates reaching a final decision by mid-May. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/growthmodel/. (Interested states are encouraged to review the Department's peer review guidance for the pilot, previous state proposals, and a document on cross-cutting issues identified by peer reviewers, all of which can be found on the web site.)

Among the core principles for growth models is the ability to "track student progress as part of the state's data system." Yet, according to a recent survey by the Data Quality Campaign, only 34 states collect all of the data they need to produce reports for growth models. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.dataqualitycampaign.org/survey_results/.

Concerning data, consider these new reports:

- "Innovations in Education: Connecting Students to Advanced Courses Online" (http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/academic/advanced/), a guide for administrators who are working to provide students with greater access to online advanced coursework.
- "An Evaluation of the Participation of Faith-Based and Community Organizations in Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs and as Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers" (http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/eval/other/faith-based/faith-based-exec-sum.html). Indeed, the number of faith-based SES providers increased twenty-fold (from 11 to 261) between December 2002 and March 2005.
- "The Interagency Committee on Disability Research 2004-06 Report to the President and Congress" (http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/research/pubs/icdr/), which details the interagency committee's scientific meetings and highlights those projects that support the New Freedom Initiative (NFI).

HOLIDAY BOOK DONATION

Last week, Deputy Secretary Ray Simon announced the donation of some 400,000 new books as part of the agency's 2007 Holiday Book Donation. The effort, a joint venture including the Department, the non-profit entity First Book, and Random House Children's Books, is designed to provide brand-new, age-appropriate children's books to schools, libraries, and literacy organizations serving low-income youth throughout the country. This donation is the latest in the agency's multi-year book donation campaign, which began last year with the distribution of books to communities affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Since June 2006, the Department, First Book, and various major book publishers have collaborated to distribute more than two million children's books. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/bookcampaign/.

TRANSFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION

On December 18, Secretary Spellings addressed a regular meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), the appointed body that advises the Secretary on matters related to accreditation and to the eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education. She used the forum to underscore the importance of transparency across higher education and to stress the need to supply valuable information about colleges and universities so students and parents can make informed decisions. "By law, student learning is a core part of accreditation," she explained. "Unfortunately, students are often the least informed and the last to be considered. Accreditation remains one of the least publicized, least transparent parts of higher education, even compared to our Byzantine and bewildering financial aid system. Most students don't know that different types of accreditation exist until they encounter hurdles. Every year, millions repeat coursework because their credentials don't transfer." In calling for changes, the Secretary emphasized she would never work to undermine the diversity or excellence of America's system of higher education. "Every institution has its own unique strengths and attributes," she said. "But, on behalf of consumers -- be they students, families, or institutions -- we have the right and

the responsibility to ask for more and better information." (In the fall, to assist this process, the Department awarded a $2.45 million grant to help institutions measure student achievement.) "If we do our jobs well, students will be able to base their actions on a more full understanding of their options," she concluded. "Policymakers will be better able to assure taxpayers that institutions receiving their support are reputable and effective. Governors and state legislators will be better able to direct their resources. Employers will be better able to see that graduates are prepared to do their jobs. And, university leaders will be better able to refine and improve their offerings." FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/12/12182007.html.

MONITORING THE FUTURE

The annual Monitoring the Future survey of U.S. secondary students, conducted since 1975, finds alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use by American teenagers continues to fall overall. In fact, since 2001, use of alcohol (including binge drinking) and cigarette smoking have decreased by 15% and 33%, respectively, while use of any illicit drug has dropped by 24%. Moreover, use of marijuana, still the most widely used illicit drug, dropped by 25%. On the other hand, prescription drug abuse remains a serious issue (use of Oxycontin increased by 30% from 2002 to 2007), and attitudes toward ecstasy use have softened (eighth-graders show a sharp erosion in perceived risk and disapproval). FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.monitoringthefuture.org/. (The Office of National Drug Control Policy's survey fact sheet is available at http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/news/youthdrug_declines.html.)

Also: The Department's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS) is soliciting applications under several grant programs: Elementary and Secondary School Counseling (eligible: school districts; deadline: January 28), Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems (eligible: states, districts, and Indian tribes; deadline: January 30), AND School-Based Student Drug-Testing (eligible: districts; deadline: March 21). FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/news.html.

PROJECTIONS TO 2016

Anxious to look ahead? The National Center for Education Statistics' "Projections of Education Statistics to 2016" projects key statistics, including student enrollment, graduates, teachers, and expenditures for elementary and secondary schools and degree-granting institutions. For example, K-12 enrollment rose 16% between 1991 and 2004 and is projected to increase an additional 9% between 2004 and 2016. Also, college enrollment rose 22% between 1991 and 2005 and is projected to increase an additional 17% by 2016. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://nces.ed.gov/programs/projections/projections2016/.

BARNEY CAM VI

Earlier this month, the White House unveiled "Holiday in the National Parks," the sixth installment of "Barney Cam," which features the President and First Lady's Scottish terriers touring the White House to give viewers a dog's eye view of the holiday decorations. This year, Barney learns that the White House is a national park and seeks to become a Junior Park Ranger. Therefore, he meets with both Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and Director of the National Park Service Mary Bomar, who advise him to "come up with a big idea" to spotlight the parks. Meanwhile, Barney and Miss Beazley supervise the

decorating of the White House. Alas, that task proves too overwhelming to brainstorm park ideas, although Barney does have a daydream where he is named a Junior Park Ranger and congratulated by country singer Alan Jackson ("OK, Barney, now you've gone country!") and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair ("As someone born in Scotland, it's always good to see the Scots doing well!"). The video has cameos by President Bush, First Lady Laura Bush, and Barbara and Jenna Bush. Don't miss the amazing soundtrack by the U.S. Marine Band! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.whitehouse.gov/holiday/.

QUOTE TO NOTE

"If you ever doubt the need or appetite for your mission [accrediting colleges and universities], consider the *U.S. News & World Report* college rankings. It's been called the 'swimsuit edition' of postsecondary reporting. Within 72 hours of its release, the *U.S. News* web site was viewed 10 million times.... As I said before, families know that selecting and paying for college is one of the most important decisions they will ever make. They need and deserve the best information to guide them. They should be able to get it from the people who make our higher education system the envy of the world."

-- Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings (12/18/07), addressing current members of NACIQI

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Department's next "Education News Parents Can Use" broadcast, celebrating the sixth anniversary of the *No Child Left Behind Act*, is scheduled for January 15. It will showcase *No Child Left Behind* Blue Ribbon Schools, with video stories of their classrooms and conversations with award-winning principals and education experts. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.ed.gov/edtv/.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest award a K-12 math or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the U.S. Awards alternate between elementary (2008) and secondary (2009) teachers. The President names up to 108 teachers annually. Awards are given to teachers from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the outlying territories, and Department of Defense schools. The deadline for online nominations is March 1. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.paemst.org/.

Please feel free to contact the Office of Communications and Outreach with any questions:
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From: ddonkel@cfl.rr.com

Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 1:59 AM

To: Wes Wu; Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Stan Snyder; stefan Milkowski; Senator_Thomas_Wagoner@legis.state.ak.us; Green; Lyda N (LAA); Stevens; Gary L (LAA); Wielechowski; Bill (LAA); Stedman; Bert K (LAA); Rod Scribner; Robert James Newman; Rick Wagner; rep.david.guttenberg@legis.state.ak.us; Paul L. Craig; Oil & Gas Journal; Nick Stepovich; Kay Cashman; publisher; Spencer; Kari L (GOV); Jun Ho Song; Katz; John W (GOV); Coghill; John (LAA); jimwhite; Jim Winegarner; Pound; Jim (LAA); Jim Gottstein; Jerry Hodgden; James W. White; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Faith Warthen; David W. Lappi; Dave Doherty; Dave Gross; Danny S. Davis; Dan Bross; Dan Britton; Craig Fisher; Brit Lively; Bill Bankston; Barry Foote; Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Al Gross

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Dear Friends

Thank goodness for Governor Palin and Commissionor Irwin because they have been paying attention to how the old "CBC" Alaska oil and gas Laws written by those that seem to want cause Alaskans to pay higher natural gas prices!! These old oil and gas laws keeps Aroura out of the oil and gas drilling, producing, transporting and selling business competition. How can the North slope Gas Pipeline be built if the Laws have been written to keep Alaskans and small competiors at bay so most the State's oil and Gas wealth is exported and Gas consumers in South Central Alaskan appear to be harmed by higher gas prices.

This will all changed this Legislative Session and the whole oil and gas industry will be improved so Alaskans and small exploration and production oil and gas companies can compete fairly for these controled gas markets if Governor Palin gets the support she needs to reduces gas prices and increase production so Alaskans can compete fairly and sell gas cheaper and profit by doing so.

Just look at the facts, Aroura saved Alaskans millions of dollars. The oil and gas laws needs a complete face lift so Alaskans can drill and produce not just the majors. God Bless Governor Palin and her staff.

Merry Christmas and give Alaska back to Alaskans at long last!!

God Bless Alaska both the leaders that care about the fine people of Alaska.

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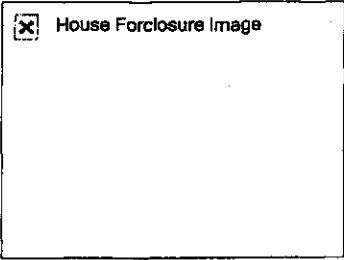
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NEWS CLIPS

Mayors, Looking to Cities' Future, Are Told It Must Be Colored Green

United States Conference of Mayors convenes a two day "Climate Protection Summit" to discuss the possibilities of using green technologies to improve their cities and decrease their impact on

States Promote Progressive Growth

By building on the foundations already laid by progressives, several states are taking action to promote progressive growth and transform their economies, including California, Massachusetts, Oregon, New Jersey, Washington, and Indiana. These cases point to direct actions by states to promote progressive growth strategies that help build their economies and produce tangible benefits for their citizens.

David Madland Discusses Rebuilding Economic Mobility

Katy Thompson interviews David Madland, Director of the Work/Life Program at the Center for American Progress, about the growth of the nation going forward.

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Today, working Americans feel less and less secure, and their prospects for economic mobility seem more and more remote. People are working longer hours than ever before, change jobs more frequently, and have more volatile incomes. Forty-seven million live without health insurance. Few are represented by a union. Many face tough competition from lower-wage workers abroad. The land of the American Dream now has less inter-generational income mobility than many other developed countries. Family incomes have risen on average within generations only

global climate change. From the *New York Times*

Longer School Day to be Studied

Andover school district in Massachusetts was awarded one of 28 grants to be a part of the "Expanded Learning Time" experiment. They will add approximately 300 hours to the school year to see if the additional time in school will have a measurable effect on the education of the students. From the *Boston Globe*

Ohio Leads Fight to Stop Foreclosures

As one of the states that have been hit hardest by the mortgage crisis, Ohio is finding ways to keep people in their homes and reduce the effects abandoned property and foreclosures have on neighborhoods. From the *Axcess News*

State Assembly Backs Healthcare for All

The state Assembly on Monday approved the first phase of a $14.4-billion plan to extend medical insurance

because the incomes of women have risen as their participation in the workforce has grown dramatically; incomes of men have stagnated. The additional income from the second earner is essential to cover the rising cost of healthcare, energy, and childcare, among other things.

Each of the traditional pathways to progress is littered with roadblocks. Incomes are not rising; the historical link between greater productivity and higher wages has broken down. Personal savings in the United States is near record lows. From pre-school through high school, we are failing to prepare many for college and the workplace. Those who begin degree or credential programs to improve earnings complete them at alarmingly low rates. Until recently, homeownership was a pathway to wealth accumulation, but many now see their equity slipping away. American workers feel less secure with good reason. Their prospects for getting ahead are more limited. Working hard and playing by the rules is not enough.

In recent years, economic growth has been relatively strong, but the economy has added jobs at a lackluster rate compared to similar times in the economic cycle. The share of the nation's income that goes to those in the middle is lower than it has been in 50 years. The benefits of economic growth have all flown to those at the very top.

The prospects for long-term growth are also weak. Our economy is increasingly reliant on unsustainable, debt-driven spending (by consumers and the federal government), instead of innovation and investment. Between March 2001 and March 2007, 84 percent of economic growth came from consumption spending, while less than 4 percent came from investment. The United States has fallen behind many countries when it comes to equipping the workforce with the education and training necessary for individual and national success, doing a mediocre job especially of preparing our children for careers in the innovation economy. Younger cohorts moving into the work-force in coming years will be smaller and have less education than the older generations leaving the workforce.

to nearly all residents, giving Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and his Democratic allies their first victory in a risky yearlong campaign to overhaul California's healthcare system. From the *LA Times*

Globalization and technology have changed the rules of the game. Unsustainable appreciation in the housing market buoyed the economy for too long. And we face a clear and present danger to our economy and the earth itself from global warming. As Rajendra Pachauri, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, said recently, "If there's no action before 2012, that's too late. What we do in the next two to three years will determine our future. This is the defining moment." America needs policymakers with a plan for restoring U.S. economic leadership in a global and carbon-constrained economy, making it possible, once again, to dream that our children can look forward to a better future.

The next administration can offer a new vision of America as an economic leader with a growing middle class in a vibrant global economy. America's economy could be driven by ongoing invention and the production of high value-added goods and services. America could lead a global energy transformation based on more efficient technologies and clean, renewable fuels. These forces could fuel the creation of good jobs and good prospects for workers at all skill levels. America's students and workers could be readied to meet the demands of the innovation economy. Moreover, we could ensure the economic security necessary, so that people can take risks and generate wealth for themselves and our country. America could put globalization and change to work for American workers and for millions around the globe.

At the center of this vision is a strategy to address the greatest moral and economic challenge of our time-climate change-and turn it into our greatest opportunity. Left unchecked, the economic disruption caused by climate change will sap our resources and dampen our growth. But with low-carbon technologies and clean, renewable energy, we can capture a new global market, drive American economic growth, and create green jobs for American workers, offering new skills and new earnings opportunities up and down the economic ladder.

CAP's economic blueprint for a new administration would also leverage

our creativity, entrepreneurial culture, and a restored leadership in science and technology to create an innovation economy and spur economic growth. It would seek to enhance economic security and mobility for American workers by creating the conditions in which they could protect and improve their own health, education, incomes, and wealth. It would refocus our international economic policy on promoting decent work and higher living standards around the globe, helping to generate additional demand for American products and services, restoring American leadership, and ensuring that the rising tide produced by economic integration lifts all boats. Finally, CAP's plan offers a responsible pro-growth fiscal policy that would value work and fairness and support necessary investments in our economic future while setting us on a course to reduce the debt as a share of GDP and ready ourselves for the additional demands of the aging baby boom generation.

Restoring economic mobility for Americans, sustaining economic growth in a global economy, and combating global warming are great challenges, but America is up to the task. From sweatshops to segregation to the space race, the progressive commitment to fairness, human dignity, and what FDR called "bold, persistent experimentation" has driven our country to overcome obstacles as great as these we face today.

Key Steps to *Progressive Growth* include:

Accelerate America's transformation to a low-carbon economy.

- Implement an economy-wide cap-and-trade program for greenhouse gases.
- Dedicate cap-and-trade revenues to, first, offset energy costs for low- and moderate-income consumers and support the employees and communities of carbon-intensive firms, and second, invest in innovation and the transformation to a low-carbon economy.
- Implement complementary policies to reduce emissions and increase energy efficiency in the transportation and electricity

sectors.

- Create a White House National Energy Council to manage the transformation and ensure that the federal government leads the way.
- Exercise global leadership.

Spur innovation to sustain productivity growth and job creation.

- Make significant new investments to stimulate innovation to address our nation's grand challenges and emerging opportunities.
- Build a flexible, problem-solving workforce that includes more workers with world-class science, technology, engineering, and math skills.
- Restore the integrity of American science.

Rebuild the ladder of opportunity by restoring economic security and mobility.

- Guarantee quality, affordable health care regardless of employment or life circumstance.
- Expand access to effective education for our children and adult workers to ready the workforce for 21st century jobs in the global innovation economy.
- Make work pay and incomes keep pace with growth through the minimum wage, expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, the right to organize, and reforms to unemployment insurance and adjustment assistance.
- Provide greater opportunities to build and secure wealth through work, retirement savings, affordable and safe financial services, and home ownership.

Create a virtuous circle of rising economic fortunes for a growing global middle class-future consumers of U.S. products and services.

- Refocus the three main elements of our international economic

policy-trade, aid, and monetary policy-on achieving progressive growth around the globe.

- Enlist all the international institutions-the International Labor Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the World Trade Organization, and regional multilateral development banks-in a coordinated strategy to promote decent work: quality jobs, fundamental rights at work, social protection, and social dialogue.
- Support construction of the laws and institutions that will enable middle-income nations to share new growth widely within their populations.
- Support low-income nations in meeting basic human needs, advancing decent work, moving more workers into the formal economy, eliminating trade barriers to their exports, and supporting the creation of trade-related infrastructure.

Adopt a responsible fiscal policy to finance needed investments in national priorities.

- Make needed investments in economic growth and restoring economic mobility.
- Dedicate cap-and-trade revenues to ease the transition to a low-carbon economy and invest in policies to spur innovation and the energy transformation.
- Adopt a tax system that is fair and rewards human capital by:
  - Rewarding work and wealth equally.
  - Expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax
  - Credit to help make work pay for low—income workers.
  - Providing tax breaks to employers and employees to encourage more investment in credentialed and portable education of adult workers.
  - Improving retirement security through matching contributions for lower-wage workers in a new Universal 401(k) plan.
  - Lifting the cap on which the employer pays social security

taxes while maintaining the employee cap.
    - Permanently reforming the estate tax so that only a tiny fraction of the wealthiest heirs would be subject.
    - Closing loopholes and improving tax enforcement.
- Put America on course to reduce our debt as a share of our Gross Domestic Product.

BEST PRACTICES

Building on the foundations already laid by progressives, several states are taking action to promote progressive growth and transform their economies. **California's** state legislature has set high standards for low-carbon fuels. **Massachusetts** has adopted a universal health insurance program. **Oregon** has put in place strong unemployment laws. **New Jersey** has encouraged opportunity at all levels by continuing its support of universal preschool, beginning with children in low-income school districts. **Washington**, a pioneer in minimum wage legislation since 1998, mandates the highest indexed minimum wage in the United States. And **Indiana** has launched a new effort to support lifelong learning for its nontraditional students. These cases highlight direct actions by states to promote progressive growth strategies that help build their economies and produce tangible benefits for their citizens. Here's a snapshot of each case in point:

Clean Energy

In January 2007, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued an executive order that established a revolutionary Low Carbon Fuel Standard. By 2020, this order will spur a 10 percent reduction in the carbon intensity of passenger vehicle fuels sold in California and help the state meet the greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate set by California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Left unchanged, the nation's current dependence on petroleum-based fuels would continue to contribute to climate change, rising levels of greenhouse gases, and a foreign oil-reliant national economy. The Low Carbon Fuel Standard will mandate specific reductions in the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions of

transportation fuels sold in the state-at first, a 10 percent reduction in lifecycle emissions of passenger vehicle fuels by 2020. This standard is the first of its kind anywhere in the United States. As the world's 12th-largest source of carbon emissions, California stands to make a large impact with its new standards.

Since the policy's unveiling, scientists and scholars at several California universities, including the University of California, Berkeley, have worked to translate this bold proposal into a concrete action plan. In August 2007, these scholars released the final elements of their report. Their plan calls for a phased emission reduction, a greater variety of available fuels, and a universal standard applied to all vehicles and fuels.

The Low Carbon Fuel Standard is one of many innovative policy actions that California has taken to reduce energy consumption and emissions. Other measures have included efficiency mandates, decoupling electricity sales from profits, and passing a law to reduce vehicle tailpipe emissions.

Social Safety Net

Health care

In April 2006, the Massachusetts state legislature approved the nation's first plan to mandate health coverage. With a population of 372,000 uninsured residents, Massachusetts had a significant number of citizens to address. The legislation relied on three platforms to expand health coverage-a public health insurance program, the employer-sponsored insurance system, and individual responsibility. This three-pronged approach:

- Expanded MassHealth (the Medicaid program) to cover all children living in families with incomes below 300 percent of the poverty level and to raise enrollment levels for individuals with disabilities and HIV/AIDS
- Required employers with 11 or more workers to provide health insurance coverage by July 1, 2007 or pay a $295 per employee

per year assessment

- Required all individuals to have health insurance or pay a penalty. The plan also included several strategies to ensure that residents can meet their coverage obligation by purchasing affordable insurance. The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector provides a mechanism for individuals and small businesses to purchase coverage. In addition, the Commonwealth Care program contracts with Medicaid-participating health plans and provides premium subsidies to ensure that lower-income residents can obtain coverage. Individuals with incomes below 150 percent of the poverty level are not required to pay premiums, and Commonwealth Care provides sliding-scale subsidies for those with incomes between 150 and 300 percent of the poverty level.

This approach plays to the state's strengths, including a high level of employer-sponsored coverage-nearly 70 percent of Massachusetts' non-elderly population receives health coverage through employers-and the historically generous MassHealth program. Early implementation efforts have further demonstrated the effectiveness of this approach; MassHealth enrollment had increased by 53,000 individuals as of March, 2007, and nearly 80,000 adults had enrolled in subsidized Commonwealth Care plans by June 1, 2007.

Massachusetts, though, is still grappling with some sticky questions, such as ensuring that all residents can access comprehensive coverage and developing workable affordability standards. In addition, Massachusetts' unique position-with a high level of employer-sponsored insurance, generous preexisting Medicaid eligibility standards, and a financing pool that included federal and state funding for uncompensated care-may limit this model's applicability in other states. Nevertheless, Massachusetts has helped inject new ideas into the national health reform debate and will offer important lessons for national reforms.

Unemployment Insurance

Other factors besides rising health care costs contribute to a fraying social safety net. Unexpected job loss, for example, often brings great financial strain on both individuals and families. State-run unemployment insurance programs can help mitigate this burden by providing a source of income to qualifying individuals. This program, inaugurated in 1935, was originally part of the Social Security Act, and over the years it has helped thousands of individuals face the uncertainties brought on by unemployment, illness, and sudden disability.

Oregon is one example of where strong policies have been put in place to protect workers who are not at fault for their job loss. In July 2007, the state increased its insurance payout in order to continue to better support the unemployed. Each year, state law mandates that the benefit be adjusted to account for changes in the cost of living. Depending on age and income, individuals are eligible for up to $463 per week. Oregon's commitment to providing a fair unemployment insurance policy is consistent with the recommendations of CAP's *Progressive Growth* agenda. Our plan calls for beneficial changes that include reforming "monetary eligibility" rules that today screen out low-wage workers and workers who have lost their jobs due to family emergencies. The plan would also allow workers to upgrade their skills and qualifications during periods of unemployment.

Opportunity

Education

Education access is a central component of a progressive growth plan and should call for expanded opportunity for all Americans. These opportunities begin with the youngest among us. In order to prepare our children for the future, we must ensure that they have access to enhanced educational opportunities beginning in preschool. New Jersey has led the push for universal preschool for its residents.

In the late 1990s, several lawsuits were filed on behalf of New Jersey's schoolchildren. The New Jersey Supreme Court's Abbott v. Burke

decision created new standards of accountability for the state's educational system. Universal preschool was one of the key reforms borne out of this landmark decision. The state has worked to expand this program and fulfill its promise of universality. The 2008 state budget would increase educational appropriations, expanding access to 65,000 preschoolers. In particular, the plan targets preschoolers in low-income school districts. Though New Jersey's universal preschool plan has developed incrementally, the state has supported and funded this innovate program with the hopes of one day bringing it to completion-a strategy in line with the proposals recently put forth by the Center for American Progress.

Minimum Wage

Another key pillar of the progressive movement that has the clearest delineation to lifting Americans out of poverty is a minimum wage. This reality notwithstanding, a set minimum wage simply does not offer enough financial security. At the state level, legislatures are taking action to ensure that the minimum wage keeps pace with the continually rising cost of living by indexing it proportionately to inflation. It is not enough to set the minimum wage without being prepared to adjust it in response to economic changes citizens face.

Responding to this need to ensure that income keeps pace with the cost of living, in 1998, Washington became the first state to pass legislation providing for an indexed minimum wage. Each year, the state's minimum wage is recalculated based on a cost-of-living adjustment. With a 2007 minimum wage of $7.93, Washington's rate is the highest in the nation, and one of only a few that adjusts each year based on changes in the cost of living. Beginning on January 1, 2008, the state's minimum wage will rise to $8.07 per hour, a $0.14 increase over 2007.

Lifelong Learning

Providing opportunities for working adults to learn is also critical to success in a global, technology-driven economy. Working adults have

unique needs as learners, including work schedules and family responsibilities. Progressive states are meeting these needs to help create opportunity for their workforce. Indiana is taking the lead in this area with its statewide College for Working Adults Initiative at Ivy Tech Community College.

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, a single statewide institution with 23 campuses and over 70,000 degree-seeking students, boasts a tremendous working model for lifelong learning with its new College for Working Adults. CWA, launched by Ivy Tech in August 2007, is a significant effort to increase the college's completion and graduation rates. CWA incorporates a number of innovative education delivery features designed to promote a clear pathway to a degree and credentials through nine of the college's most highly enrolled programs with the goal of ultimately including it in all programs.

By attending classes no more than twice a week and taking only two courses at a time, CWA will enable working students to complete an Associate in Applied Science degree or Associate in Science degree in as little as 24 months. Marketing and enrollments in CWA are well underway and early response from faculty, staff, and, most of all, students has been remarkably positive.

If you would like more information on how your state or municipality can get information on CAP's *Progressive Growth* proposal, please contact us at stateprogress@americanprogress.org.

ASK THE EXPERT

David Madland, Director of the Work/Life Program at the Center for American Progress discusses how the ladder of economic mobility can be rebuilt in the country with the right leadership and progressive policy.

Highlights:

"...this plan is really built around the energy transformation. Global

warming presents one of the most fundamental challenges to our country, to the environment but also to the economy. Not many people think of it in terms of the economic challenge it presents, but there are the threats to all our cities, especially on the coasts. That's just one of them. This plan takes that challenge and makes it an opportunity. We are going to eventually have to adapt to climate change and instead of letting other countries take the lead on figuring out the new technologies and the new green jobs that will be available, we will really help spur the innovation economy by finding a way to take advantage of renewable energy..."

Read the full interview here. Or download and listen to the complete audio (:mp3, 13 min, 11.6mb)

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
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
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2008 Winter Games in St. Moritz - Register Now

Join CEO and Penny Pitou, an Olympic double silver medalist who has led dozens of ski trips in the Alps, for the 2008 CEO Winter Games from 22 February - 1 March 2008. Led by Hosts Don and Melrose Burr, the games will be held in the elegant old-world resort of St. Moritz, Switzerland. Nestled 6,000 feet high in the Swiss Alps, St. Moritz is magnified by a snow-covered lake that forms a massive scenic foreground. It is considered the best in off-piste and/or long cruise skiing on five major mountains. With a "dry, sparkling champagne climate" and cosmopolitan ambience, the famous town also features a variety of shops and hotels, comprehensive scope of non-skiing activities and diver se food and entertainment. For more information, contact CEO Associate Events Manager Maria Sheffler at 301.280.2548.

IN MEMORIAM

CEO member **Lawrence "Larry" S. L. Ching**; Honolulu, Hawaii USA; YPO Class of 1986; passed away 21 August 2007.

- CEO Turns 50!
- Rocks & Crocs College - Open for Family Registrations
- Executive Health Seminar - Give the Gift of Longevity
- Florence University & Symposiums - Immerse Yourself in Italian Culture
- New CEOer Augie Nieto Pursues a Quest to Cure ALS

CEO Turns 50!

2008 will mark CEO's 50th Anniversary, and we'll be celebrating 50 years of leadership, friendships, and experiences throughout the year - from creative socials at upcoming events to record gatherings for the Universal Membership Celebration to a grand celebration at the Florence University closing ceremonies. Please keep an eye out for all anniversary celebration announcements, and be part of CEO's 50th year! For more information, please contact CEO Director of Marketing/Communications Summer Amin at 301.280.2552. more

Rocks & Crocs College - Open for Family Registrations

CEO members, spouses/guests, and adult children (ages 20+) are invited to explore the remote coastline of the Kimberley region in northern West Australia aboard the luxurious *Orion* with College Chairs Ross & Fiona Adler. From 9-18 June 2008, you will make daily landfalls by Zodiac to get a closer look at breathtaking sandstone cliffs, steep bluffs, and dramatic gorges; helicopter to the Mitchell Falls to swim in the freshwater pool; walk to caves to view aboriginal rock art paintings said to be 60,000 years old; watch a whole reef appear

Click here to view the obituary.

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out of a flat blue sea, and more. more

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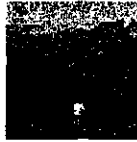
Next month, retreat with your spouse to the foothills of the Sonoran Desert for seven days of tranquility with fellow CEOers and a team of top medical experts. Hosted by Chairs Jim and Mimi Murphy and Don and Jean Wolf, CEO's Executive Health Seminars offer a one-of-a-kind experience with individual coaches dedicated to customizing a wellness program and providing vital care that will get participants started on the road to a better body, healthy outlook, and stress-free mind. more

Florence University & Symposiums - Immerse Yourself in Italian Culture

Join University Chairs Simonetta and Momi Brandolini d'Adda on a once-in-a-lifetime experience as they draw you into their Florence through private tours, unique off-sites, and grand socials that evoke the city's elegant past and bright future. Within exclusive venues opened just for CEO, the Chairs will introduce you to "Studia Humanitatis" and show you how to use learning to fulfill yourself. more

New CEOer Augie Nieto Pursues a Quest to Cure ALS

CEOer Augie Nieto recently appeared on the NBC "Today" show to publicize his fight against ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), more commonly known as Lou Gehrigh's disease. He launched Augie's Quest, an organization dedicated to raising awareness and research funds for finding a cure for ALS, when he was diagnosed in March 2005. His active role in the fight against ALS – a neuromuscular disease that leads to respiratory failure – has taken center stage more recently with his book release, *Augie's Quest: One Man's Journey from Success to Significance*. In the next few weeks, Augie will be providing all CEOers with a complimentary copy of his compelling story.

Augie's success began at age 19 when he bought the marketing rights to the Lifecycle exercise bike, the first of its kind in the fitness industry. In 1980, he co-founded Lifecycle, Inc., now called Life Fitness, Inc., which became the largest commercial manufacturer of fitness equipment in the world.more

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 9:01 AM

To: govpalin@alaska.gov

Cc: Todd

Web mail from: Mr. Thomas Teseniar
address: P.O. Box 298441 Wasilla AK 99629

MESSAGE:
Thanks for the updated email. you are doing great things for Alaska. I would put you right up there with Governor Hammond!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family. Look forward to seeing Todd in the Iron Dog race again!

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Lowenfels

I haven't been listening, but you usually ask for a morning radio reminder in case you have time. ☺

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 11:06 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: Therriault

Governor,

Sen. Therriault called to let me know that his group has sent a letter to John Cowdery asking him to step down prior to session. He did copy Lyda Green and Gary Stevens. He actually spoke to Gary about it but they have not released it publicly and he does not intend to do so at this time. His goal is to give the majority some time to deal with it first (holiday spirit). There are a lot of rumors about Cowdery not coming to session or working from home and those rumors in conjunction to statements made by Allen and Smith during the corruption trials led Therriault's group to send the letter. Gene wanted us to be aware of what they are doing but is hoping we will keep it quiet until his group decides to say something publicly.

Mike

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 10:58 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: StateStreet Lawsuit

Governor,

Pat Galvin called me to pass along that the company who invested and lost $6.2 Billion in bond proceeds from our employee's retirement accounts has made a settlement offer. The offer is to make the $6.2 million loss whole. One half would be paid at the end of the year and the other half would show as a fee rebate paid at the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2008). This is good news. Not that long ago, we were contemplating an appropriation to make the employees whole. We suspected that many of the employees holding on to a significant amount of bonds were likely to be close to retirement and the loss would be very significant. It will be a good announcement once everything is final.

Mike

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To:	Sarah Palin
Cc:	Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject:	Scheduling
Importance:	High

1. FYI: Sunday, December 23 – Invitation for Governor and family to attend "A Hero's Celebration in honor of Cameron Carter. Cameron was presumed dead after his Lifeguard helicopter crashed on 12.03.07. there will be a procession of emergency vehicles from the station @ 12:30p.m. - you choose which vehicle you would like to ride in. Service is then @ 2:00 p.m. (Palmer – Butte Fire Station)
2. FYI: Sunday, December 23 – Service @ Evangelos from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. for Passing of former Wasilla Mayor DeCamp.
3. Thursday, 01.03.07 – I have confirmed the Polar Bear briefing @ 11:00 a.m. Attendees: GOV, COS, Comm. Irwin, Comm. Lloyd, Henri Bisson and Mark Myers will be flying in. John Katz by teleconference.
4. Friday, 01.04 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. COS is asking to schedule a Cabinet Meeting.
5. Saturday, 01.05 – The Alaska Zoo would like the GOV to cut the ribbon at the re-opening of the Seal and Otter Exhibit @ 12:00 p.m.
6. Wednesday, 01.09 – "Back to Business" Conference and Trade Show from 1:40 – 2:15 p.m. I asked the COS and his comments were that he Privileged or Personal M Privileged or P. This is sponsored by the ANC Chamber of Commerce.

I would also like to propose having a GPS System put into the vehicle that you drive if you agree this can be set up when you are down in JNU during session so that you are not without the vehicle.

I will be up in Anchorage from January 2 – 4 for scheduling. Thanks, Janice

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Cc: Leo von Scheben

Subject: Ferry to Nowhere?

I thought that you would want to see the article below from today's Washington Post concerning the latest round of Congressional earmarks.

As you will see, the article is suffused with mentions of Alaska and has conjured up a new twist - the Ferry to Nowhere from Anchorage to the Mat-Su Borough. I guess that this is a good way to sell newspapers at our expense.

In any event, we can only be responsible for the Administration's own requests, and this one didn't come from us.

Spending Bills Still Stuffed With Earmarks

Democrats Had Vowed To Curtail Pet Projects

By Elizabeth Williamson
Washington Post Staff Writer
Friday, December 21, 2007; A01

Twice in the past two years, Alaska lawmakers lost congressional earmarks to build two "bridges to nowhere" costing hundreds of millions of dollars after Congress was embarrassed by public complaints over the pet projects hidden in annual spending bills.

This year, Rep. Don Young and Sen. Ted Stevens, who are Alaska Republicans, found another way to move cash to their state: Stevens secured more than $20 million for an "expeditionary craft" that will connect Anchorage with the windblown rural peninsula of Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Now what Alaska has, budget watchdogs contend, is a ferry to nowhere.

"Earmarks are a bipartisan affliction," said Steve Ellis, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a nonpartisan budget watchdog group that tracks the projects. "It would take leadership in both parties -- and a lot more shame -- to ever rein them in."

The $555 billion annual "omnibus" spending bill approved by Congress this week and the $459 billion defense bill passed last month collectively contain more than 11,000 earmarks, despite Democrats' vow to use their first year in the majority to slash the number of such pet projects.

The earmark tally did come down, budget watchdogs said, but the audacity of the requests is little reduced. Among routine requests for roads and dams, Taxpayers for Common Sense found $100,000 for signage in Los Angeles's fashion district, $9 million for "rural domestic preparedness" in Kentucky and $250,000 for a wine and culinary center in Prosser, Wash.

President Bush yesterday threatened to cancel thousands of the special projects, saying he has ordered White House budget director Jim Nussle to determine the extent of the president's authority to respond to what he called "wasteful spending" in the mammoth appropriations bill. Aides said that could include simply disregarding earmarks that were not included in binding legislative language.

Earmarks are a crucial way that lawmakers channel money back home for such projects as community centers and water-treatment plants. Most members of Congress boast to constituents of their success in winning funding and say they know better than federal agencies what their districts need. A spokesman for Young said the Alaska ferry, for example, would drastically shorten the commute from the borough to Anchorage.

But over decades, earmarks have become magnets for some questionable spending requests, and the sheer number has given them a bad name.

The practice reached a high-water mark in 2005, the year of the first "bridge to nowhere" project, which would have linked the town of Ketchikan, on a southeastern Alaska island, to its airport on a nearby island.

Nussle, a former representative from Iowa who chaired the House Budget Committee, said the earmark explosion badly dented Republicans' and Bush's reputations among fiscal conservatives.

"When I was budget chairman . . . we always held the top line. But what got us in trouble, I feel, are the earmarks," Nussle said in an interview. "People would come up to me at a town meeting, [and] they all want to know: 'How did you have money for this bridge or this rain forest or this cowgirl museum?' "

All told, this year's spending bills contain about 25 percent fewer earmarks than the 2006 appropriations, according to a tally by Citizens Against Government Waste. But this year, lawmakers generally did not count the earmarks in bills composed almost solely of regional projects, such as the annual military construction bill.

Trimming earmarks by changing their definition "is like saying you're meeting your weight-loss goal by not counting your backside," Ellis said. "They've taken a step in the right direction, but if all we did was recalibrate the baseline and earmarks start their growth again, we haven't accomplished much."

The House required lawmakers for the first time to sign their names on their earmarks, identify the beneficiaries and locations, and certify that neither they nor their immediate families have a financial stake in the spending. But Democrats' good intentions came undone in the Senate, which did not trim earmarks as

severely and tinkered with the language of the rules, limiting disclosure only to the authors' names, Ellis said.

There are few signs so far that disclosure rules have dissuaded lawmakers from sponsoring earmarks, watchdogs said. They have only made them easier to trace.

The Taxpayers for Common Sense audit revealed, for example, that a handful of lawmakers continued this year to sponsor earmarks worth more than $10 million for ProLogic Inc., a West Virginia company under federal investigation for its role in receiving earmarked money.

The omnibus bill provides $126,000 for the National First Ladies' Library in Canton, Ohio, a favorite cause of the earmark's sponsor, Rep. Ralph Regula (R), whose wife founded the museum and whose daughter runs it. Regula has requested hundreds of thousands of federal dollars for the museum since 1991, when he persuaded the National Park Service to pay $1.1 million for its headquarters -- the girlhood home of Ida Saxton McKinley, the 25th first lady.

"Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress have teamed up to waste taxpayer dollars on silly pork projects and egotistical projects named after themselves," said Brian Riedl, senior budget analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank.

The Alaska ferry project is one of the more expensive earmarks. Billed in Stevens's version of the legislation as an "expeditionary craft" to be used by the military, it is considered a passenger ferry by Young, according to his spokeswoman. It would follow roughly the same path as the second of the abandoned "bridges to nowhere." Stevens placed the earmark that will fund the ferry into the defense appropriations bill, which Bush signed last month.

Young's son-in-law owns land in Matanuska-Susitna Borough, a remote region two hours by car from Anchorage. A ferry would shorten that commute to 15 minutes, making the borough valuable for housing development.

Meredith Kenny, a spokeswoman for Young, confirmed the family connection to the land. "Many Alaskans own land there," she said.

"They've been working on this since the mid-1990s," she said of the ferry project. "It's bipartisan, well wanted and needed. It's a bridge to growth and development."

Staff writer Jonathan Weisman contributed to this report.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]

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To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: FW: Ashley Reed - confidential deliberative process privilege

Dear Governor Palin, This is to give you a heads up. This may a story shortly. Talis

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From: DeYoung, Jan H (LAW)
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 2:23 PM
To: Jenicek, Monica (LAW); Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Gordon, Nancy R (LAW)
Subject: Ashley Reed - confidential deliberative process privilege

Folks, I am sending this note to let you know that the APOC approved at its commission meeting last week a referral of lobbyist Ashley Reed to this office for consideration of criminal prosecution. (I just learned this today, by the way.) Apparently he has a 21 year history of late and incomplete reporting under the lobbyist registration and reporting requirements. Patty Ware, staff at APOC, is putting together a report which will be provided to the AG. However, she is not ready to send it yet and thinks it may take her a few weeks. I am giving you this forewarning because the commissioners acted in an open meeting. Because the request for the referral was made in public meeting, there may be press interest.

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 11:17 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)

Subject: Christmas Eve Thank Yous

Governor,

Attached are seven pages worth of "thank yous" from happy State employees who are so appreciative of your thoughtful gesture to excuse them from work on Christmas Eve. Commissioner Kreitzer wanted to make sure you saw all of the positive responses that have brightened the Christmas season for so many State employees because of your giving spirit.

Incase you're checking from your blackberry, I've pasted some of my favorites in this email.

Merry Christmas,

Ivy

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!! What a wonderful gift and so nicely said. You have given us a great blessing. Merry Christmas to all of you too.-- Cathy J. Kane

Tell Sarah we are all doing a happy dance! And thank you very much! --Gretchen Collier

God Bless You!!!! I've worked here since 1987 and this is a first. Thank you so much.—Janet Bailey

I wish that you would pass on to Governor Palin how extremely thoughtful this is, to know we have leave ahead of time, and also the time given is very generous. I have worked for the State for 22 years now and to my knowledge this is the first time such an announcement has been made.
We appreciate your gift and the thoughts behind it..
Thank you
Lavonne Rhyneer

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From:	Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]
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To:	'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Cc:	Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject:	FW: Budget Numbers for Alaska Marine Highway System

Governor:

In a change to a more open approach, AMHS has started meeting with legislators and community leaders to discuss the budget and operating plan for the ferry system in the FY 09 operating budget. Issues related to the AMHS budget and operating plan may start appearing in news stories or generating phone calls to the Governor's Office.

OPERATING BUDGET NUMBERS - AMHS

FY07 actual	$147.9
FY08 managemnt plan	$137.9
FY09 gov's proposed budget	$138.5

The good news as set out in the budget numbers for AMHS is this administration has been able to not only stop the rapid rate of escalation in costs for running AMHS that we inherited from the previous administration but we have operated at cost levels significantly lower than the FY 07 actual amounts. (There may be a supplemental for FY 08 from AMHS but I do not believe it is much greater than $1.0 million - I will try to confirm with Karen)

Unfortunately, there is little management can do to reduce or even hold steady their two main costs, fuel and labor, (both of these costs have been increasing). Savings are often achieved with operation changes and schedule changes that reduce service levels to communities.

When operation changes are implemented, they often combine with the fact that every year, different vessels will be in for major repairs (every ship in the fleet is on a 3 year rotation schedule for major repairs. This means it is almost certain that a different area of Alaska will see significant service reductions every year.

This year, it was the Prince William Sound area that saw the Aurora go in for major repairs to its car deck. The service reductions caused mayors, citizens, etc., to protest pretty loudly.

Next year, (2008) it is Southwest Alaska (Kodiak, Homer, Seldovia) where the Tustemena is going in for about 5-6 months of repairs in the winter. The Kennecott is the only vessel available to replace it on those runs. The Kennecott is 3-4 times as expensive to

operate. AMHS could not completely replace the service levels the Tustemena was providing to Southwest Alaska and stay on budget.

AMHS's operating plan balances the need for reasonable budget amounts with the need to provide as much service as possible. (In fact, AMHS general fund amount for FY 09 is very close to the general fund number recommended by MTAB - but it was not possible to squeeze the increase in service levels out of the budget that MTAB wanted)

We should expect a lot of complaints and phone calls, but AMHS' managers have a budget and operating plan in place that does the best they could reasonably do.

Let me know if you would like to see details of the operating plan and service level decreases by community.

Randy

-----Original Message-----

From: Siroky, Mary P (DOT)

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 9:50 AM

To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

Cc: Hardy, Dennis L (DOT); Slagle, Nancy J (DOT); Leary, Richard D (DOT)

Subject: Numbers for amhs

Here are the numbers that you requested . AMHS has a good story to tell in this arena.

FY07 actual $147.9

FY08 managemnt plan $137.9

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As you can see the uncontrolled increases where brought under control in FY08 and that is reflected in the very small increase seen in the FY09 proposed budget.

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 11:00 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Michael Tibbles
Subject: Hamel's Response

I don't want to protract our current dialogue with Mr. Hamel, but I feel obligated to forward his personal response to you (attached). I haven't given him your email address.

Below, is my recent advice to DNR and the Alaska Fire Marshall about how to handle the current situation:

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

The responses I have received seem to confirm this approach.

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